

# Simple, Compound, Complex Study Guide

List the clause(s) and the parts of each sentence type.

Simple Sentence

Independent clause: subject + verb (+modifier)

Compound Sentence

2 independent clauses: subject + verb (+modifier) + coordinating conjunction + subject + verb (+modifier)

Complex Sentence

Independent + dependent clause: subject + verb (+modifier) + subordinating conjunction + subject + verb (+modifier)

Write an example of a simple sentence. Underline the subject once & the verb twice.

The bird sings.

Write an example of a compound sentence. Circle the coordinating conjunction then (for each clause) underline the subject once & the verb twice.

The bird sings, and the dog barks.

Write an example of a complex sentence. Circle the subordinating conjunction then (for each clause) underline the subject once & the verb twice.

The dog barks because the bird sings.

What kind of conjunction does a complex sentence use? Give 5 examples

Subordinating conjunction: since, when, because, if, although... (Sourcebook p. 31, 36)

What kind of conjunction does a compound sentence use? Give 3 examples

Coordinating conjunction: and, or, but, yet, so, for, nor, ;

For the following sentences: circle the conjunction (if there is one), underline the subject once and the verb twice in each clause.

1. The Beatles consisted of four musicians in their twenties.

simple

2. Because they were quite poor, they struggled at first.

complex

3. They could not afford music lessons, so they taught themselves to play and sing.

compound

4. ~~They had been playing~~ together for several years before they had their first hit record.

complex

5. They listened to many American recordings, and then they added new ideas.

compound

6. Because the group's voices blended so well, many of their songs feature strong harmonies.

complex

7. The Beatles had long hair, but they wore suits on stage.

compound

8. Others, like the Rolling Stones, had a different image.

simple

9. They wore casual clothes and sang more raucous songs.

simple